

March 17, 1969

Mr. Daniel J. Boorstin  
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Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Boorstin:

I was delighted to read of your appointment to the directorship of the Smithsonian Institution and want to congratulate you on being selected for that position. I relayed the information to Sam and Sadye Edison immediately.

I recall with great pleasure you sending me "The Lost World of Thomas Jefferson" which I am very proud to possess.

Just to make your moving to Washington more difficult, I am sending you, under separate cover, my most recent book entitled "The Early Paper Money of America." In your new position you will be in charge of the numismatic section which has helped me in some of my research. I believe you will enjoy glancing at my detailed study of the pre-Constitutional paper money of Colonial America and the independent American States.

My best wishes for enjoyment and accomplishment in your new status.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO  
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

June 7, 1969

Dear Eric:

Many thanks for your kindness in sending me your book, which was forwarded to me in California. I'm now about to return to Chicago, and will teach summer quarter there, before the move to Washington to the Directorship of the National Museum of History and Technology on October 1. I hope you'll give us the benefit of your learned interest in numismatics -- and of your other interests -- in helping us further develop the great museum. It was so good of you to remember me with the book. I do hope you'll carry on your scholarship in the subject, and will help me share it by keeping me on your mailing list.

Yours,

  
Daniel J. Boorstin

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March 30, 1969

Dear Eric:

Many thanks for your generous note on my appointment as Director of the National Museum of History and Technology. It is a great opportunity to do something constructive and I intend to do my best to be equal to it.

I do remember warmly my visit many years ago to St. Louis, and my glimpse of your collection. One of the many appeals of the new post is the opportunity to be among a group of first-class experts in so many areas of our history, including notably numismatics. I do hope to learn a great deal in the job, and we do, of course, expect you to come see us in Washington. If you have any ideas of how the museum can be more useful, I hope you will let me have them.

We're out here till June doing research and writing. Then back to Chicago to teach the summer quarter before the move to Washington in late September.

All the best. And my special greetings to the whole family, with whom I feel such deep and ancient ties!

Yours,



Daniel J. Boorstin

P.S. I'll look forward to receiving your study of Pre-Constitutional paper money. It's good of you to let me see it. DJB